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ANTI-FOREIGNISM.

SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING.

CHURCHES SET ON FIRE.

Hankow, Jan. 1.—Catholic priests arriving at Hankow from various outlying stations in the Province, relate a number of anti-foreign and anti-Christian incidents.

At the Catholic Mission at Langshishan, a mob attacked the priests and drove them from the church, which was set on fire. The entire contents were destroyed. One priest removed his beard and escaped with the help of a native priest who held back a mob of about 500.

At Kingchowfu, near Shasi, a native seminary was looted and everything destroyed. Even the priests' clothes were stolen.

The position at Huangchowfu, San Shao, is most dangerous. The contents of the church and some houses at Hushopu were also set on fire.

All the priests and nuns in outlying districts have been ordered to Hankow, by the Bishop.

All the Sisters have evacuated to Convent at Shinhishan, just outside the Japanese Concession at Hankow, owing to interference from the soldiers.

A Mission of Chinese priests at Langshishan, in the Wuchang district, has been totally destroyed.

JIUKIANG CONCESSION ISOLATED.

Jiukiang, Jan. 1.—The Concession here is picketed by soldiers, who are not allowing anybody to enter or to leave.

H.M.S. Wyvern is standing by and will supply the Concessions with light, if necessary.—Reuter.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

Shanghai, Jan. 1.—There is a serious situation at Hankow where an anti-foreign like has been declared and ports are being made to starve out the foreigners living in the concession into which very little food is finding its way. Supplies, however, are being sent from Hankow, and six foreign gunboats are here.—Reuter.

HANKOW TAXES.

Hankow, Dec. 31.—The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs notified the Consuls yesterday that effective on January 1, 21 per cent. of ordinary goods and 75 per cent. on luxuries will be levied on all goods entering the port.

The taxes are to be paid to the customs houses of the native customs and the bureaux which will shortly be opening for their collection.—Reuter.

ITALY'S ATTITUDE.

London, Dec. 31.—The Italian Government has replied to the British Memorandum on China.

It is understood that the Italian government expresses willingness to co-operate in the British proposals provided unanimity is achieved among the other Powers concerned.—Reuter.

FRANCE AND JAPAN AGREE.

London, Jan. 1.—Although the Japanese Government has not yet presented a Note to London on the subject of the British Memorandum with regard to China, perfect harmony between the French and Japanese viewpoints in this respect is claimed. In Paris, where M. Briand and Gen. Ishii have twice met to discuss the matter.—Reuter.

BIAS BAY PIRATES AGAIN.

TWO HONGKONG-BOUND JUNKS HELD UP.

ONE, CARRIED AWAY.

Pirates from Bias Bay swooped upon two Hongkong-bound trading junks on New Year's Eve and made off with one of them according to a police report issued this morning.

First news of the affair was brought here by the junk which managed to escape. It was stated that the two craft were sailing in company when the one in the rear was overtaken by what was first assumed to be a fishing junk, but later proved to be a pirate boat.

From this latter, four men boarded the fishing junk and sailed off with it in a direction opposite to that which was first taken.

The second junk proceeded on its trip back to Hongkong and arrived here during the week-end. The master then made a report to the police, stating that in all likelihood the other junk, which was owned by a cousin, had been taken to Bias Bay, as the piracy was carried out near Single Island, off Shamus.

What actually transpired on the pirated junk has since been disclosed with the return here of members of its crew. They mentioned that pirates boarded and took control of their junk, and after the crew had been kept below for several hours they were allowed to return on deck, eventually being released, and put ashore at Tai A Chau, which is one of the group of Soko Islands. The junk was then taken away in the direction of Macao.

Both trading junks were bringing cargoes of turnips from Pinghoi for the Hongkong markets. The value of the captured junk and her cargo is \$1,275.

FRENCH POLICY.

PRAISED BY PAPAL NUNCIO.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The Papal Nuncio, speaking at a reception to the Diplomatic Corps given by President Doumergue, emphasized the affection and sympathy with which foreign governments observe France's efforts towards the nation's pacification.

He stated that they were convinced that France would carry on the work according to her traditions of gentleness and goodness. Those traditions had evoked unforgettable words from M. Briand, who, in the Assembly of the League of Nations, had expressed the nation's aspiration after rapprochement and spiritual fraternity. He concluded by assuring France of the active and loyal co-operation of foreign governments, especially the Vatican.—Reuter.

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H.M.S. "EMERALD."

ARRIVAL IN PORT.

H.M.S. Emerald, of the 4th Cruiser Squadron, East Indies station, arrived in Hongkong on Saturday evening, in accordance with Admiralty instructions recently issued.

She is a 7,500 tons cruiser of the same class as H.M.S. Enterprise, carrying seven 6-inch guns, three 4-inch, and four 3-pounders. Captain H. T. England heads her list of officers while her commander is Commander A. Maitland-Dougal.

H.M.S. Enterprise, a sister ship which recently arrived here, is now in Shanghai.

HONOURS LIST.

THE NEW YEAR'S AWARDS.

MR. LAMPSON KNIGHTED.

Rugby, Dec. 31.

The New Year Honours List has been issued, and it shows the following to have been referred:

VISCOUNTIES.

Sir James Craig, Premier of Northern Ireland.

Baron Sumner, Lord of Appeal.

Sir George Hayter Chubb, Chairman of the Nonconformist Unionist Association.

Colonel Flemes Cornwallis, Chairman of the Kent County Council.

Sir Charles Greenway, Chairman of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company.

PRIVY COUNCILLORS.

The Right Hon. Mr. Ormsby Gore, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Sir Leslie Scott, Conservative M.P. for Exchange Division of Liverpool, and formerly Solicitor-General.

BARONETIES.

Lieut.-Col. Edwin Bolton, Vice-Lieutenant of the County of Stirling and President Associate of the West Indian Chamber of Commerce.

Sir Joseph Duvene, Major Hennessy, Conservative M.P. for Winchester, and former Junior Lord of the Treasury.

Sir John Scott Hindley, Commercial Adviser to the Mines Department.

Sir Edward Davson, Chairman of the British Imperial Council of Commerce.

Mr. William Lewthwaite, ex-Chairman of the Conservative Association.

Mr. Basil Peto, Conservative M.P. for Barnstaple.

KNIGHTS BACHELORS.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Attorney General for Hongkong.

Mr. Harold Morris, President of the Industrial Court.

Mr. John Rieth, Director of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr. Walter Williamson, late Financial Adviser to the Siamese Government.

Dr. Henry Head, the celebrated nerve specialist.

Dr. Thomas Houston, ex-President of the Ulster Medical Society.

Alderman Bower, Lord Mayor of Birmingham.

Col. Hayward, Unofficial Member of the Ceylon Legislative Council.

Knighthoods are also conferred upon the following gentlemen in India:—Joseph Gyi, member of the Executive Council of Burma; Richard Burn, Indian Civil Service; Justice Cheruvari Krishnan, of the Madras judiciary; John Bell, President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce; David Chadwick, Indian Civil Service; Norman Murray, Managing Governor of the Imperial Bank of India; Sardar Dalal, member of the Legislative Assembly of Bombay; Joseph Kay, member of the Bombay Legislative Council; and Rao Bahadur Nilkanth, of Bombay.

In the Dominions the following become Knights:—John Bowes, Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly; H. A. L. Colbatch, Agent General in London for Western Australia; John Garvan, formerly Chairman of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia; Alfred Langley, Governor of the West Australian Government; and Robert Maclean in recognition of his services to New Zealand.

OTHER HONOURS.

The Honours List also includes the following:

Knight Grand Cross, Military Division, of the Order of the Bath—General Sir George Milne, Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Knight Commander of the Order of the Star of India.—The Maharaja of Rewa.

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SEQUEL TO "HANOI" PIRACY.

ARREST OF A CHINESE SUSPECT.

SAYED TO BE IDENTIFIED.

It is understood that the police, in following up certain information received, have effected the arrest of a Chinese in connection with the recent piracy of the French coaster Hanoi.

The suspect was over the weekend put up for identification when the Hanoi was in port, and amongst the witnesses from the steamer it is said that the comrade pointed the man out, as having been implicated in the piracy.

The Hanoi piracy case, to which this arrest comes as a sequel, was only a recent occurrence. It will be recalled that pirates, after their usual fashion, boarded the Hanoi at Kwang-chow-wan in the guise of passengers, and after murdering

LOCAL HONOURS.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR HON. MR. J. H. KEMP.

MR. KOTEWALL GETS C.M.G.

Hongkong figures in the New Year Honours List by the elevation of the Hon. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., Attorney General, to the rank of a Knight Bachelor, and the conferring of the C.M.G. on the Hon. Dr. P. H. Kotewall, Hon. LL.D., one of the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council.

The congratulations of the whole community will be showered on both recipients on their well deserved honours after many years of diligent public service.

(Sir JOSEPH KEMP.)

No more popular choice for the honour of a Knighthood could have been made than that of the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, who has given just over 28 years of service to the Colony in many spheres of official life. It was in November, 1898, that Sir Joseph Kemp was appointed a Cadet, and he arrived in the Colony on Christmas Day of that year, being attached to the Colonial Secretary's office. From January to July, 1899, he studied Chinese in Canton, following which he was stationed in the New Territories in connection with Land Office work. In 1900, he became Registrar of the Land Court, and in November of the same year he was appointed acting Second Police Magistrate. From June to December, 1902, he was Secretary of the Squatter's Board in addition to his other duties, and in September of that year he passed his final examination in Cantonese.

LEGAL SERVICE.

Then followed a series of other appointments, including those of Assistant Secretary of the Sanitary Board, Deputy Registrar and Appraiser at the Supreme Court, acting First Police Magistrate, acting Registrar at the Supreme Court, acting Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, and Head of the Sanitary Board. It was in 1903 that he was appointed Registrar of the Supreme Court, whilst in 1911 he became Crown Solicitor, and since then his service has been wholly confined to the framing and administration of the law. He was for a time in 1913 acting Puisne Judge, and in the following year he acted as Attorney General, receiving the substantive appointment to that post in 1915, and holding it ever since.

The new Knight, who is a B. A. of Cape University, was made a Commander of the British Empire Order in 1918, and in the same year he became a K.C. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1920, and he is a member of the Court of the Hongkong University and one of the Directors of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensioners. By his elevation to a Knighthood, the number of Knights Bachelor at present living in Hongkong is increased to five, the other holders of the title being Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shouson Chow.

OUTBREAKS OF FIRE.

Later, a message from Calexico states that the Government of Lower California has declared martial law in Mexicali.

There were many outbreaks of fire and broken water mains hampered the fire fighters. Earthquake shocks were felt at points 150 miles away.

No loss of life is reported.

(American Service.)

EARTHQUAKE.

SERIOUS REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Severe earthquake shocks in the Imperial Valley began at midnight and are still continuing at five o'clock in the morning.

Buildings are badly damaged. The total loss is estimated at over \$1,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

OUTBREAKS OF FIRE.

During the whole of his service in the Colony, Sir Joseph Kemp has shown himself a most able and conscientious servant of the Government, and he won for himself a high place in legal circles by his erudition and skill. He has done much valuable work in connection with the efforts made to terminate the boycott, being one of the three official delegates to visit Canton for the purpose of negotiating with the Government there on the subject, whilst he also had conversations with Dr. C. C. Wu in Canton on the same subject. His whole record has been one of unremitting attention to his duties, whilst in private life he has won great popularity as a man of sterling worth and character, and much personal charm.

Accused, in reply to the Magistrate, said that this was so, and his Worship then made an order for his discharge.

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AN ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

NOVEL SUGGESTION BY MR. W. R. HEARST.

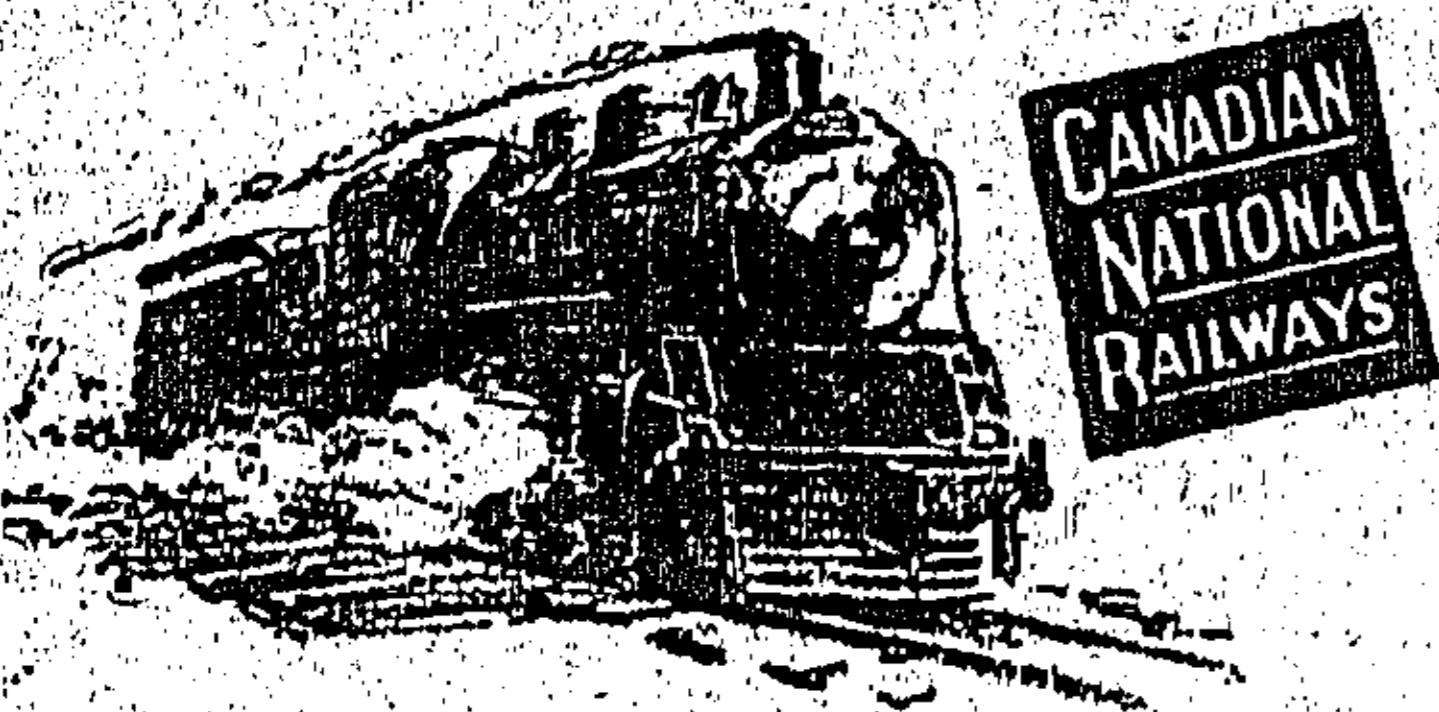
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NICARAGUA'S REVOLT.

THE UNITED STATES AND
MONROE DOCTRINE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 1. The newspaper *La Nación* describes the recent landing of United States marines in Nicaragua as an "assault on international law and a hard blow at the Monroe Doctrine which established the definite right of American nations' freedom from all colonising encroachment."

Referring to Mr. Kellogg's contention that the landing was for the purpose of protecting American interests, the paper asserts it has not been stated that the contending Nicaraguan forces caused any damage, violated any right of, or made any attack on American residents to justify the intervention.

The paper declares: "According to the precedent thus established, the sovereignty rights of American countries are to be subordinated to the number of dollars which the United States has invested in their territory." — *Reuter's American Service.*

MEDIATION DECLINED.

Managua, Jan. 1. The Conservative Government has refused Costa Rica's offer of mediation on the ground that the United States recognition of the Diaz Government renders mediation unnecessary.

The Liberals admit that their total casualties in the recent 3-days battle were 82. They estimate the Conservatives' losses at 150. — *Reuter's American Service.*

OUTCAST RUSSIA.

MORE PLAIN SPEAKING BY
AMERICA.

Washington, Jan. 1. The State Department has flatly denied the statement made at Moscow that the United States has approached Russian Soviet officials during the past year on the subject of American recognition of Russia.

The State Department has declared that the American Government, as President Coolidge said in his message to Congress, does not propose to barter away its principles. If the Soviet authorities are ready to restore the confiscated property of American citizens or make effective compensation, they can do so. It requires no conference or negotiations to accomplish these results, which can and should be achieved by Moscow as evidence of good faith. The American Government has incurred no liabilities to Russia, nor has it repudiated any obligations.

The most serious of all Russian activities is the continued propaganda for the overthrow of institutions in this country. This Government can enter no negotiations until these efforts directed from Moscow are abandoned. — *Reuter's American Service.*

AIR FORCE MARSHAL.

THE HIGHEST RANK
ATTAINED.

Rugby, Dec. 31. A notable appointment is made in the Royal Air Force. Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Trenchard, Chief of the Air Staff, is promoted to the rank of Marshal of the Royal Air Force.

He is the first officer to attain what is the highest rank in the R.A.F. This rank, which was created in 1919, when Air Force titles were approved, is the equivalent of Admiral of the Fleet in the Navy and Field Marshal in the Army. — *British Wireless.*

GOLDEN FISH.

SAID TO BE THE LOVELIEST
LIVING CREATURES.

Fifty times its weight in gold may seem an impossible price for a fish, yet that was approximately the price realized a few years ago for the first pair of lion-headed goldfish to reach America. They were sold for \$200. Nobody knows, writes David Neville, how long ago the Chinese began, by patient selective breeding, to transform the little olive-grey carp of their rivers into a living replica of the golden fish that is one of the eight symbol of Buddha. It was a task that only Orientals, for whom time has no meaning, could have accomplished.

Just as they evolved the Pekingese spaniel in deliberate imitation of the lion-like "Dogs of Happiness" (pairs of which are so common a subject in Chinese porcelain), so they produced goldfish of a strange, grotesque beauty that at first repels and then fascinates. Bulging, telescoped eyes, and strange forked fins make them look like that other fish in Chinese legend which swarm up the Yellow River until at last it passed the rapids of the Dragon Gate and itself became a dragon.

Japanese Improvement: It was left to the Japanese to borrow the art of China and to improve it beyond all recognition.

There is no living creature that for pure loveliness can surpass their vitality, with its three or four inches of trailing, gossamer fins and tail. Whole families have worked for generations, and are still doing so, to produce it.

The common goldfish is hardy enough and will live beneath the ice of a frozen pond, but these pampered aristocrats must be nursed and tended watchfully. There is a deadly, contagious fungus that attacks them, and when the tiny fry emerge from the spawn, a myriad enemies lurk in waiting for them—water snails, beetles and their kind, not to mention their own cannibal parents.

There are great open-air hatcheries for the common goldfish in Italy and in the United States, and at one time they were introduced into certain Portuguese rivers, but like all such artificial creatures turned wild again, they speedily reverted to ancestral type. The young, indeed, still show no gold.

It is obvious, of course, that the domesticated fish could not survive in the struggle for existence of wild life. Its flaunting livery would make it a target for every enemy, while the trailing fins of the fancy kinds are a serious impediment to swimming.

GERMS AS PROTECTION.

VACCINE SWALLOWED TO
STAMP OUT FEVER.

By means of swallowing dead typhoid germs, it is now claimed, everybody may in future be made immune to typhoid fever. The method of preparing the vaccine is the invention of Dr. Desreux, of the Pasteur Institute, Paris.

In the Polish town of Lodz, which has a population of over half a million, and where typhoid epidemics are prevalent owing to bad housing conditions and sanitation, 43,196 people have been immunised by swallowing typhoid germs.

In a group of 151 tenements, where there was very bad overcrowding, two cases of typhoid used to occur per month. The total number of inhabitants was 23,918. Of these 20,867 swallowed typhoid germs. Subsequently 49 cases of typhoid fever occurred, 47 of which were among those who had not been treated.

PARTNERS IN
MORGAN'SCHANGES IN BIG FINANCIAL
HOUSE.

New York, Jan. 1. What apparently is a new policy of J. P. Morgan's is marked by the appointment to partnerships of three members of their staff who have risen from the ranks.

Morgan's hitherto have recruited their leaders from outside sources. A partnership in Morgan's is rumoured on Wall Street to be worth at least a million dollars.

THE NEW PARTNERS.

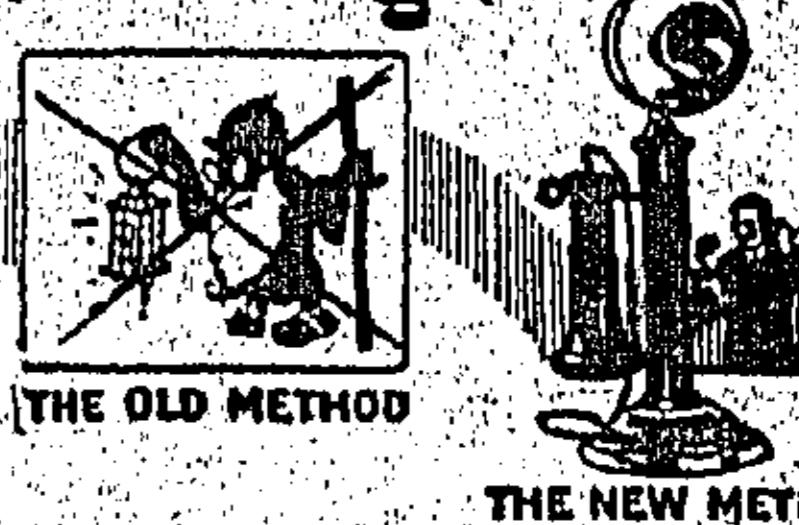
New York, Jan. 1. The names of the new Morgan's partners are Francis Dwight Bartlett, Arthur Marvin Anderson and William Ewing. — *Reuter's American Service.*

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

ALL METAL FLYING BOATS.

London, Dec. 31. The Air Ministry has ordered two all-metal flying boats with a capacity of fifteen passengers and driven by three engines of a total of 1,350 horse-power, with a non-stop range of 500 miles, to be used for experimental flights on the trans-Mediterranean, Calcutta and Singapore sections of the 10,000 miles of the Empire air route from London to Australia. The machines are to be known as the Calcutta type. — *Reuter's American Service.*

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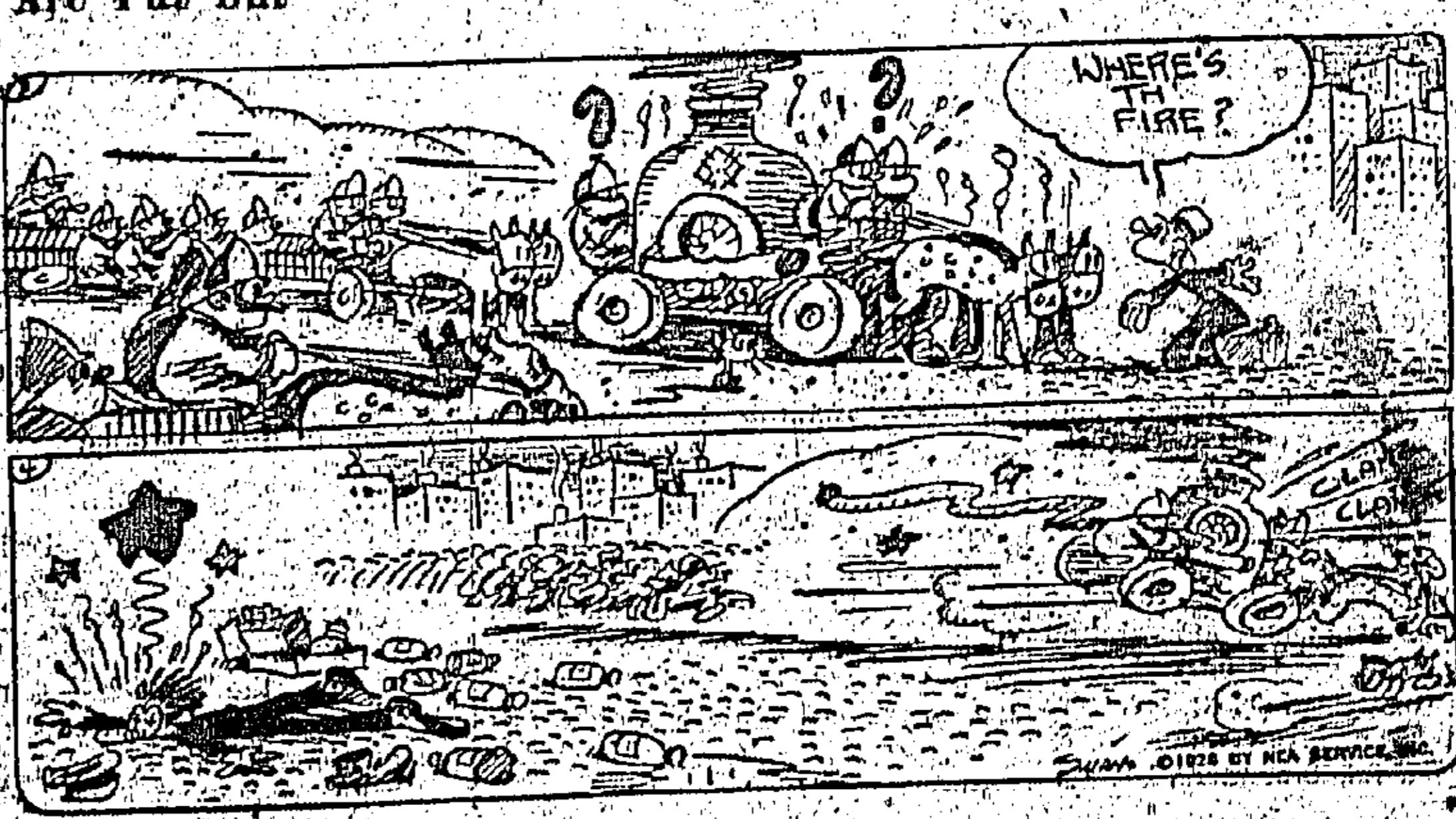
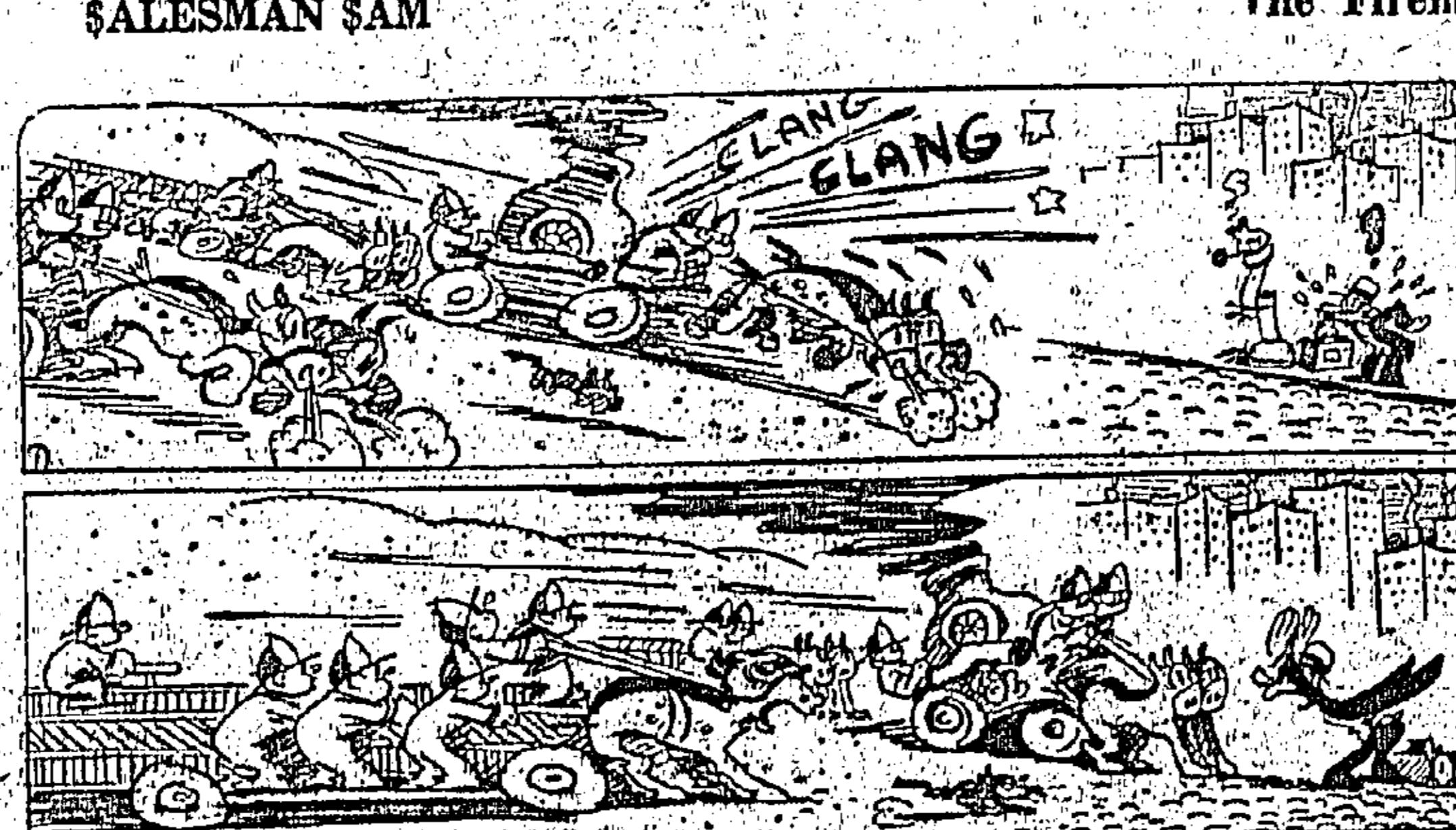
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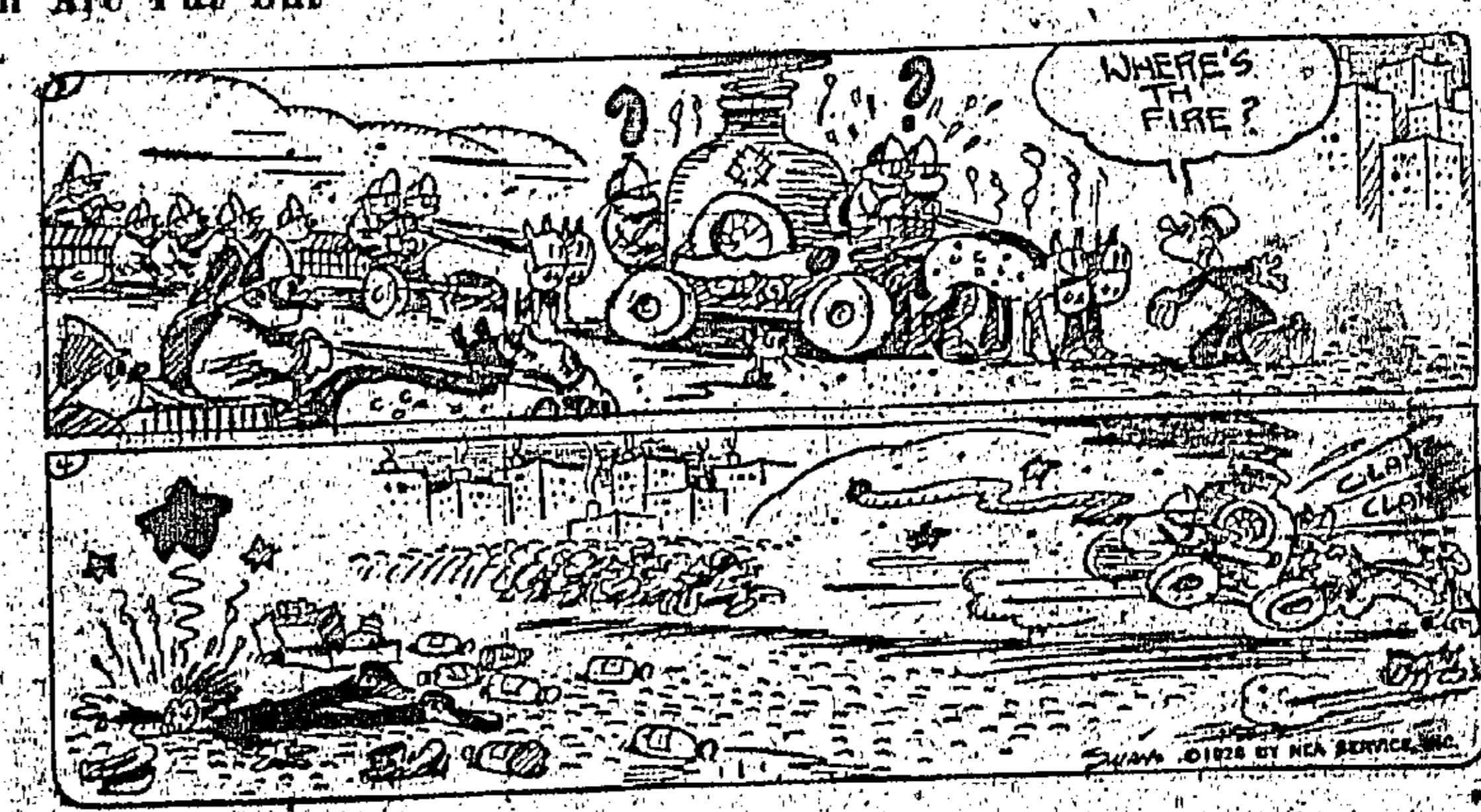


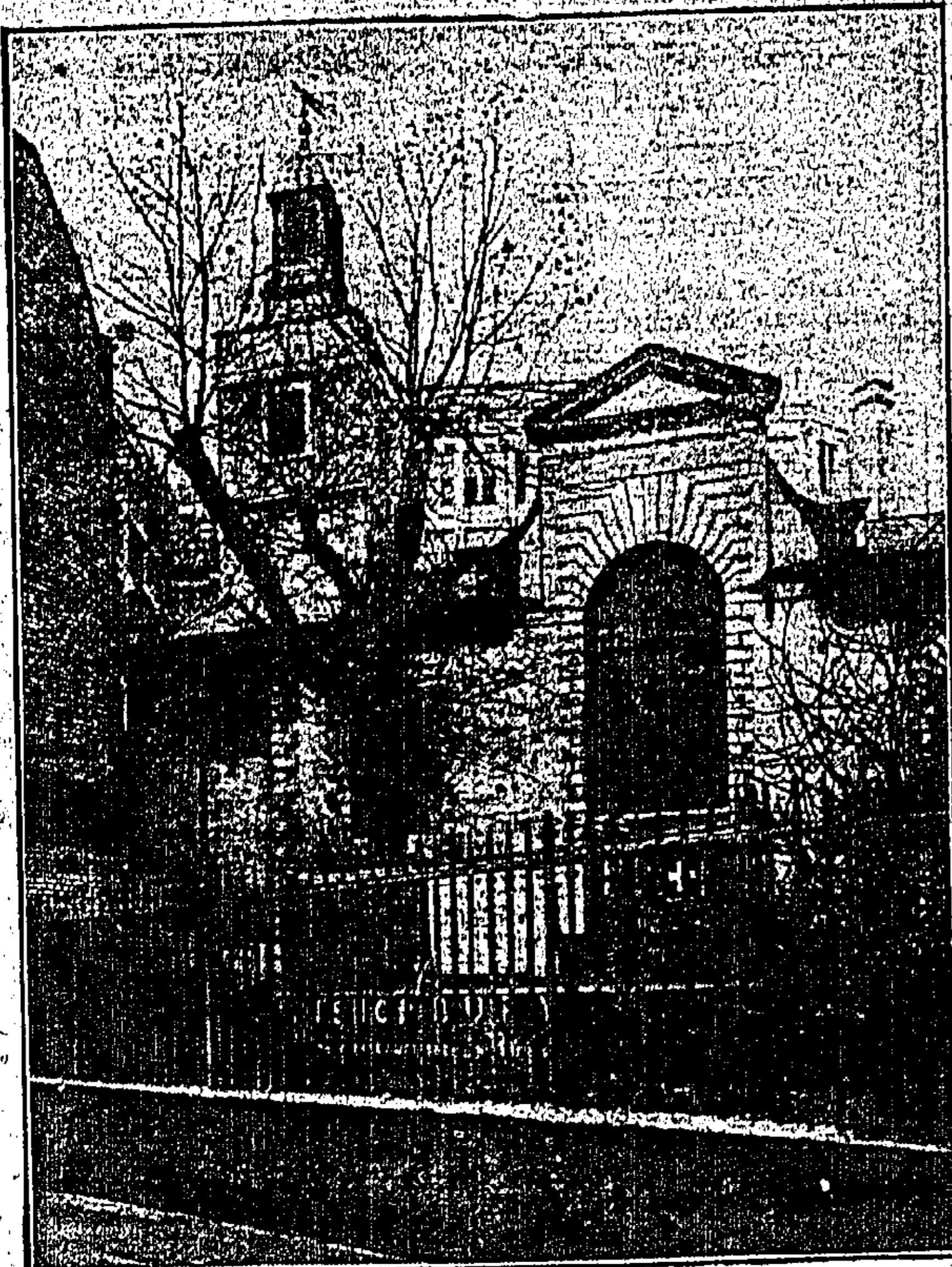
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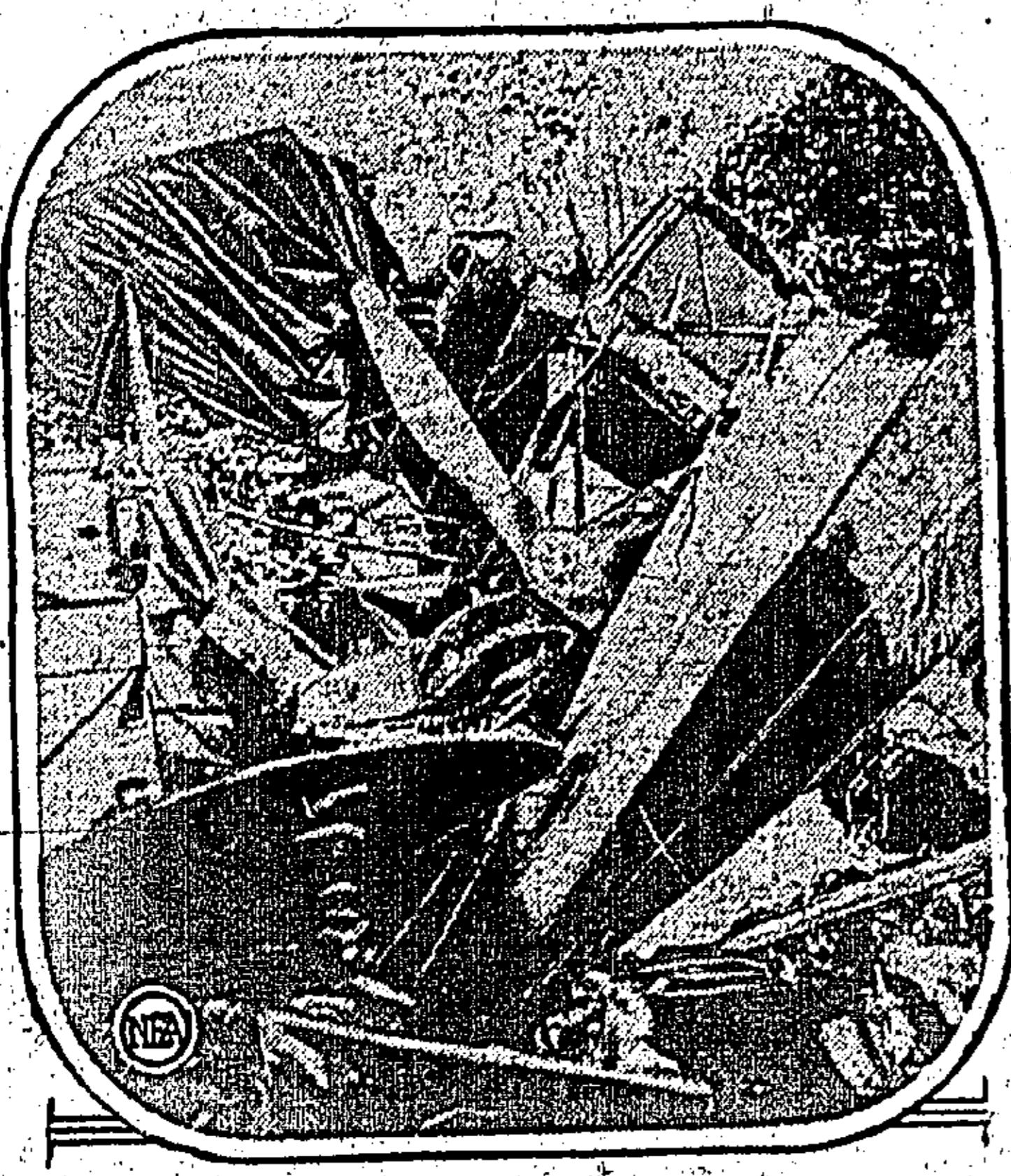




THREAT TO CITY CHURCH.—Our picture shows one of Wren's churches, S.S. Anne and Agnes, which is threatened with complete destruction. It was built in 1680. The altar-piece has Irving of the Grinling Gibbons style. (Times copyright.)



QUEEN MARIE LEAVING AMERICA.—By comparison with the multitudes which acclaimed her when she arrived from Roumania 44 days before, only a handful of people were present to bid Queen Marie good-bye upon her departure for home. Here she is, with Princess Ileana and Prince Nicholas, leaving farewell from the deck as the S.S. Berengaria moves slowly away from its New York pier.



UNEXPECTED VISIT.—Gerald Smith, of Seattle, dropped in on Senator and Mrs. R. F. Green of Victoria, B.C., the other day—and here's what his piano looked like afterward. It hit the breakfast room, but fortunately the Senator and his wife had just finished their meal. Smith's ankle was broken.



NEW PRIMA DONNA.—Elda Vettori, Italian dramatic soprano, as she appeared in her American debut as "Santuzza" in *Cavalleria Rusticana*.



AMERICA DEFEATED IN SCHNEIDER CUP RACE.—Mr. Dr. Wilbur, Secretary of the U. S. Navy, felicitating Major Mario de Bernardi, Italian airman, after he set a new seaplane speed record in defeating the Navy's foremost pilots in the Schneider Cup Race at Hampton Roads, Virginia. In the inset the winning plane is shown banking around the home pylon.



ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE.—Our photograph shows ruins of the Village Church at Dahanu, one of the places which suffered severely in the recent earthquake in Russian Armenia. Hundreds of persons were killed and many more were injured and rendered homeless. (Times copyright.)



LIVE ORNAMENTS.—On a round-the-world cruise, Mrs. William T. Shiels acquired these two charming gloves in Egypt.

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Notice is hereby given that, arising out of a communication received from the Compradores Association intimating that, as from 1st January, 1927, a compradore's commission of 1% shall be charged for all goods, whether contracted to "arrive" or sold from "Spot cargo," joint meetings of the undersigned have been held to discuss the matter. As a result, it has been resolved and decided that, for all future orders for purchase of goods, only the usual 1/2% compradore's commission will be paid, as hitherto, and no increase whatever will be recognised. Apart from notifying the Compradores Association of our above-mentioned resolution, this advertisement is inserted in order to give the matter public notice.

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Hongkong, December 23, 1926.

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NOTICE.

The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1927.

NOTICE.

We have to-day admitted Mr. Michael Howard Turner as a partner in our Firm.

DEACONS.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

NOTICE.

We beg to announce that we have been appointed by the Hercules Cycle & Motor Co., Ltd., Birmingham, as their Sole Agents for Hongkong and South China for their famous Hercules Bicycles.

J. GIBBS & CO.,

Bank of Canton Building, 1st floor.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1927.

NOTICE.

I hereby give notice that as from the first day of January, 1927, Mr. W. T. Stanton will join me in partnership in the business of a Merchant, Commission Agent and Broker in Flour which has hitherto been carried on by me alone under the name of "L. Dunbar."

The business will in future be carried on by us under the name of "L. Dunbar & Co.,"

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Dated December 31st, 1926.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that as on and from the 1st day of December, 1926, the partnership between A. Berblingen and F. Feld who heretofore carried on business at Canton and Hongkong as Engineers, Contractors and General Merchants under the style of Berblingen & Co. has been dissolved by mutual agreement and that the assets and liabilities of the aforesaid business have been assigned to F. Feld who will continue to carry on the said business at the same places as heretofore as sole owner under the style or name of "F. Feld" and also under the former Chinese Hong Name of Bo Be Young Hang.

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MACAO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 6th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

The first annual Spring Meeting for China ponies is scheduled to take place on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 24th April, 1927. The Champion Sweepstakes will be run on the 18th April, the 3rd day of the Meeting.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

Major Álvaro de Castro, the former High Commissioner of Mozambique and twice Prime Minister of Portugal, is lying seriously ill in the Fort of Elvas, where he has been confined as a political prisoner. Dr. Domingos Pereira, a former Prime Minister of Foreign Affairs, is also seriously ill.

The River Clyde, the vessel

which was run ashore at the Gallipoli landing, has been discharging

coal at Beckton Gas Works.

It is now owned by a Spanish firm,

has been renamed the Angela, and

is engaged in bringing coal to

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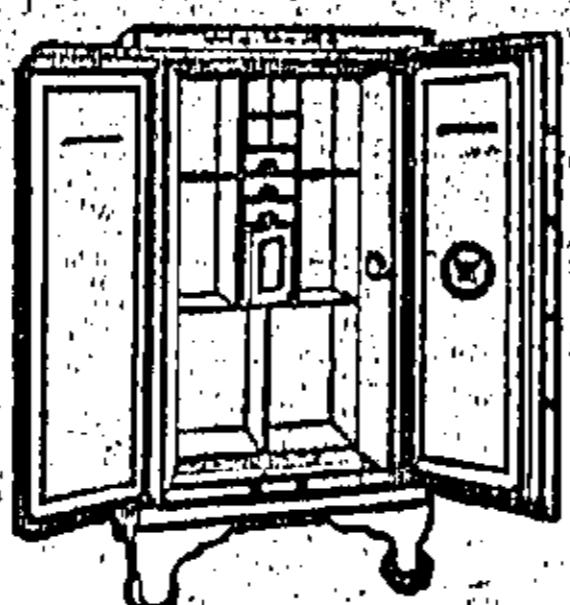
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The Telegraph

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1927.

BRITAIN'S POLICY.

From the comments which have been made by the foreign Press in regard to the British Memorandum concerning the future policy of the foreign nations towards China, it is clear that there is little likelihood of the proposals contained therein being acceptable to the majority of the Treaty Powers. One French journal asserts that the Powers have been at sixes and sevens in the Far East for the past five years, and expresses the fear that the Memorandum may imply a further drifting apart as between Britain and France. It is, of course, true that there has been a regrettable lack of unanimity on the part of the Powers in their dealings with China, and it was with that point in mind that Britain addressed her suggestions to the other nations, seeking to evolve a friendly and generous policy on which all should unite. In the recent past, unhesitatingly, Britain has borne the brunt of the anti-foreign feeling, and she has now deemed it wise to come out boldly and declare her real intentions towards the Chinese. If the policy suggested is too liberal and conciliatory for the other Powers, then the blame for future divergences of viewpoint can hardly be laid at Britain's door.

We realise, of course, that there are many debatable points raised in the British Memorandum, but its main purport cannot be doubted. It breathes friendship and goodwill in every part, and if the Nationalists do not recognise that point, then we shall be fully justified in believing that the extremists are in control. Canton has again and again asserted its willingness to be friends with those who show friendship; it now has the opportunity of honouring its pledges. It is true that there have been some criticisms of the suggestion that the Washington surtaxes should be unconditionally granted, these being mainly based on the argument that such a step would be to the advantage of the military opponents of the Southerners, but as a nation which maintains a policy of strict neutrality in the Chinese civil war, Britain can only deal with the Chinese people as a whole, just as the promises implied by the Treaty Powers at the Washington Conference were made to China as a whole and not to one faction or another. No policy that is just and impartial can be made contingent on the fluctuating fortunes of the war. The Chinese must themselves work out their own salvation from within; all that Britain can be expected to do is to evolve a broad policy applicable to the whole country.

TREATY PROTEST.

ILLUMINATED STONE TABLETS.

In order to establish a permanent protest propaganda against the unequal treaties, the General Political Department of the Military Headquarters has, says the *Canton Gazette*, decided to erect on the Kweishan Hill in Hanyang seven tablets of stone with one of the seven Chinese characters inscribed on each, signifying the "Abolition of Unequal Treaties."

Each character will be 35 ft. high and 40 ft. broad, and will be painted white on blue ground. It will be illuminated by electric lights and will be visible day and night, in Hanyang, Hankow and Wuchang.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Rugby, Janu. 1.
Paris	122.80
Genoa	25.11 ²
Berlin	20.40
Oslo	19.38
Madrid	31.67
Buenos Aires	40.7/16
Hongkong	Holiday
New York	4.86 ²
Asterdam	12.12/13/16
Stockholm	18.16 ²
Prague	113 ²
Lisbon	2.17/32
Bombay	Holiday
Yokohama	Holiday
Brussels	34.89
Milan	107 ²
Copenhagen	18.10 ²
Helsingfors	192 ²
Rio	5.18/1
Shanghai	Holiday
Silver (spot)	25.1/16
Silver (forward)	24.15/16
	<i>British Wireless.</i>

The following telegram has been received from the Bishop of London—"St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—Happy memories of glorious Hongkong. God bless you all.—London."

DAY BY DAY.

NO PROCESS IS SO FATAL AS THAT WHICH WOULD CAST ALL MEN IN ONE MOULD.—Channing.

Tenders are being invited for the construction of a Mechanical Engineer's Office at Hunghom.

It is notified that Mr. Arthur Dyer Bell ceased to act as Attorney General on the 20th December, 1926.

Among the passengers who left by the Hakone Maru on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lay, and Mr. D. Gow.

The name of Mr. A. J. Bell, A.C.A., has been added to the list of auditors qualified under the Companies' Ordinances.

The Government School for the training of Asiatic persons as ships' wireless operators re-opens at the Post Office Building to-day.

The s.s. Arafura, of the Eastern and Australian Line, arrived in port this morning with the Australian mails.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Land Officer to be Registrar of Marriages and the Assistant Land Officer to be Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

A Bankruptcy notification states that a first and final dividend of \$12 per cent. has been declared in the matter of Wing Cheong Lung, of 140, Shanghai Street, Yauma.

It is notified that the names of the On Wo Steamship Co., Ltd., the Grand Central Trust Co., Ltd., and the Chai Ying Land Investment Co., Ltd., have been struck off the Register.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held on Friday afternoon two new Bills, amending the Interpretation Ordinance and the Promissory Oath Ordinance, were read a first time.

The final of the ladies championship singles will be played at the Ladies Recreation Club on Friday, January 7th, at 3 o'clock, between Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) and Miss Robinson (challenger).

His Excellency the Governor has received information from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Mr. Kenneth C. Krentz has been appointed a Vice-Consul for the United States of America in Hongkong.

H.E. the Governor wished all Members of the Legislative Council and residents of the Colony generally a Happy and Prosperous New Year, at the Council meeting which was held on Friday afternoon.

A convivial function was held yesterday morning at the residence of the French Consul, at No. 13, Peak Road, where M. and Mme. Dufaure de la Prade received members of the French community. There was a large gathering of guests, and the New Year was appropriately toasted.

The Colony's financial statement up to the end of September shows a credit balance of \$6,197,506, against \$6,521,967 at the end of August. The revenue for the nine months of the year had been \$14,269,801 compared with \$17,764,481 for the same period of 1926, whilst the respective expenditure figures were \$16,185,778 and \$19,576,067.

Since the establishment of a special bureau for the collection of inland taxes on consumption and production, branch bureaux have been established, and, according to news received, says the *Canton Gazette*, the head bureau has now a daily receipt of about \$30,000. The total receipt for the 12th and 1st months (Old date), is estimated at about \$500,000 to \$600,000.

A large number of distinguished residents, including His Excellency the Governor and Lady Clement, assembled in the saloon of the N.Y.K. liner, Hakone Maru on Saturday morning to bid farewell to the Lord Bishop of London, Dr. Wimborne Ingram, when he departed for Singapore. When the Lord Bishop left for the ship on the Missions to Seamen launch "Day-spring," about a hundred boys from the Diocesan Boys' School who were just off Murray Pier, fired crackers until the Japanese boat was reached.

NEW CANTON LIBRARY.

SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL.

First steps in the creation of the big nationalist library planned for Chungshan University will be taken within the next three months, says a Canton journal. An initial fund of half a million will be raised. Later an additional million will be raised, making a founding fund of \$1,500,000.

This plan has been approved by the Canton Branch of the Central Political Council. The plans for the library foundation have already been drawn up.

The foundation will include the purchase of \$700,000 of foreign books and \$100,000 of Chinese books on general topics. This nucleus library will be augmented by an early expenditure of \$100,000.

PUBLIC READING ROOM.

Two hundred thousand dollars of the million and a half fund will be used for the establishment of a Social Culture Department at the university, with a public reading room and a library of special books on social developments, revolutionary history, economics, political sciences and sociology.

Important social pamphlets will be available at this library. Magazines on social topics will be subscribed for regularly.

SUN YAT-SEN MEMORIAL.

An important part of the library foundation will be the special memorial building in memory of Dr. Sun Yat-sen. In this building will be placed as complete a collection of official and unofficial sources, documents, pamphlets, pictures, and manuscripts etc. relating to the Chinese nationalist movement as can be obtained.

A general library building is also to be built, at a cost of \$300,000. The remaining \$100,000 in the million and a half budget will be devoted to a special collection of modern books, both Chinese and

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

ANOTHER ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME.

There is a bright and attractive programme being shown at the Queen's Theatre at present, and one which yesterday attracted large audiences.

The main picture is the Goldwyn production, "The Confessions of a Queen," in which the leading parts are taken by Alice Terry and Lewis Stone. This deals with Court life in an imaginary little Kingdom on the Adriatic, and it is a very colourful story, in which a dissolute and thoughtless monarch eventually finds happiness in love when he gives up the Throne and retires to private life in Paris with his wife and child.

The film is of the usual high standard which one associates with all Goldwyn productions, being lavish in its settings throughout.

In addition, there is a very effective Prizma colour film, showing some of the world's most beautiful birds, as well as a very funny Christie comedy.

The next change of programme will be on Thursday, when Mary Pickford will be seen in "Sparrows."

foreign, on diplomatic relations, with particular reference to Chinese affairs.

The Nationalist Government will give \$500,000 to the fund. Provincial Governments will give \$400,000. \$100,000 is to be raised from special contributions from government and party officials, and \$500,000 is to be raised from contributions by overseas Chinese, merchants, etc.

Of the initial half million which is to be used to launch the work, \$200,000 will be given by the Central Government and \$300,000 by Provincial Government.

The Very Idea!

Because he drank at one sitting enough and with punch enough to some 67 cups of coffee a few days again make famous, the name Milwaukee.

On the upper Milwaukee river, where green fields are strewn along the shore, Mitchell has his own camp where he is taking likely thousand papers. But how about some day hopes to find among it?

Can you tell teacher, bright then the world potential light and snappily, the name of the man who is the world's champion coffee drinker? Neither can we. Nor as he himself states is "doing can we name the world's champion oyster-on-the-shell gulper, corn-on-the-cob eater or the man with the reddest hair and the biggest feet. We prattle a great deal these days about the power of printer's ink. We often say that it's not what a person is or does that counts, but that it's getting his name in the paper about any old thing, when all the world sings praises to him.

Stop and let the train go by. It hardly takes a minute; Your car starts off again intact, And better still—you're in it.

Says a writer in a Home paper:—Why are the words of so many songs such—to put it vulgarly, and I'm nothing if not vulgar—such awful "tripe," "Lillies" and "Roses" and "Nightingales" following hot on the heels of "Nightingales" "Roses" and "Lillies." And the lyricist while writing the lines was probably hoping that his wife hadn't forgotten the gherkins she was going to buy for his lunch and the composer's whole soul was centred during the composition on the pickled cabbage he had had for last night's dinner. But it's a habit that started with the Greek Anthology or probably earlier with "Hat-sup-shetu's"—the lady who also had soup) "Home Song Annual" long before the pyramids. No, I suppose for all time, we'll go on singing of the lily, the rose and the nightingale and, go on thinking of the silly, our "beaus" and the woodcock's trail.

Have your poems all come back, darling?"

"Back! This is what I call rubbing it in, I sent them four, and hanged if they haven't returned me nine!"

If we would just forget that we are perfect ladies and gentlemen, and crunch our food loudly and with vigor at our dining tables, our teeth would last years longer and gives less woe while we have them.

This from Dr. Boyd S. Gardner, dental surgeon. The doctor explains that there is nothing for the game, and known throughout the country as the man whose lightening, toast-crunching, celery-cracking, and all the various forms of masturbation upon which Etiquette pion to the canvas when they with a capital E frowns. Which fought in Madison Square Garden, will win, good teeth or fine man.

New York in 1921, Richie-Mitchellers? It will be a brave man or to-day has only one ambition,—to woman who dares say the former develop another youngster clever shall be first.

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BRITAIN'S NEW YEAR OUTLOOK.

PROSPECT OF REVIVED INDUSTRY.

HIS MAJESTY'S MESSAGE.

Rugby, Jan. 2.—The keynote of all the newspaper articles on the occasion of the New Year is the hope that it will see trade and industry recover rapidly from the injury which they suffered from the long industrial dispute of 1926.

A message from H. M. the King to the Lord Mayor of London in reply to the latter's greeting, echoed this sentiment. His Majesty said: "With unwavering faith in the British character I heartily share your belief that with united efforts and the spirit of mutual confidence and goodwill in our widespread industries we shall see the gradual but sure restoration of the trade and commerce of our beloved Country, to the benefit not only of the British Empire but of the whole world."

FEELING OF OPTIMISM.

The King's message is taken as the text for an analysis of the industrial outlook which is inspired with a feeling of optimism. It is noted that the latest returns of unemployed shows a fall of 100,000. Other facts are adduced as favourable factors. There is a substantial promise of the revival of heavy industries. During the long coal stoppage important orders for iron and steel accumulated and the rate at which furnaces are coming into operation again, especially on the Teeside, suggests that the leeway to be made up will give, for some time to come, an output of iron substantially in excess of that of the earlier months of 1926.

There is renewed activity in several important branches of the engineering trade. Large contracts for locomotives and railway electrification are characteristic of the growing confidence. A much stronger demand is also anticipated for machinery and equipment from colliery groups which have projected extensive reconstruction and the modernisation of their mines. This process is likely to be extended as the various amalgamation schemes come fully into operation. Reports from shipbuilding centres also record an increasing flow of contracts and a more hopeful feeling that the worst effects of the slump have been got over. As against these favourable factors, however, has to be taken into consideration an unfavourable financial factor.

COUNTRY'S FINANCES.

The national accounts for the nine months of the financial year show a deficit of £146,000,000.

While it is pointed out that some of this deficit can undoubtedly be accounted for by special delays in the collection of revenue, due to the coal stoppage, it has to be admitted that a considerable deficit must still be shown at the end of the financial year. Speculation is rife as to whether this may mean increased taxation in the new budget. Financial circles, however, profess to regard it as unlikely that industry will be hampered by an increase in the income tax. They suggest that the Chancellor of the Exchequer may turn rather to the taxation of luxuries.

STRONGER SECURITIES.

Despite the depression of last year it is noteworthy that during the 365 securities which are quoted in the Bankers' Magazine, rose in market value from £6,464,000,000 to £6,512,000,000. This appreciation of £78,000,000 was made up of an increase of £21,000,000 in the fixed dividend group and £58,000,000 in the variable dividend group.—*British Wireless*.

MEXICO AND CHURCH.

PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE.

Mexico City, Jan. 1.

President Calles, in a New Year message, referring to his Government's church legislation, declared that he had a sane and sincere respect for all manifestations of religious belief. He denied that the Government desired to destroy any religious faith.

With regard to the General policy of the Mexican Government, President Calles emphasised that Mexico was not a disciple or upholder of any foreign exotic system of Government, but, was determined to stand by "her inalienable rights of Nationalism."—*Reuter's American Service*.

HONGKONG'S NEW KNIGHT.



The Hon. Sir Joseph Horsford Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., who has been made a Knight Bachelor in the New Year's honours list.

GIBRALTAR'S PLIGHT.

GRAVE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

Gibraltar, Jan. 2.—The unemployment problem which is giving rise to a difficult situation, is largely due to the fact that work at the dockyard is practically at a standstill, involving the discharge of workmen.

At a week-end meeting of leading residents and businessmen convened by H.E. the Governor to consider the question, emphasis was laid on the prevailing conditions of increasing population and decreasing revenue. The situation is aggravated by the departure of the Second Suffolks for Hongkong involving a considerable loss of local trade. A grain of comfort is afforded by the announcement that the greater part of the Atlantic Fleet will be based at Gibraltar from Jan. 29 till March 16 and the Mediterranean Fleet from March 4 to at least March 16.

Gibraltar possesses neither poor law nor the dole. Relief works have been instituted.—*Reuter*.

SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG.

MAY ADOPT ROYAL STANDARD.

Bloemfontein, Jan. 1. Colonel Creswell, the Minister of Defence, addressing the annual congress of the South African Labour Party, announced that Gen. Hertzog had authorised him to state that the Flag Bill will be proceeded with.

In addition to the suggestion of an Imperial Crown on the National Flag, the Government would consider the adoption of the Royal Standard. This would necessitate a cessation of party strife and the consent of the Opposition, as they could not ask His Majesty for permission to use the domestic symbol of the Royal House except as a united people.—*Reuter*.

OFFICIAL POSTS.

LATEST GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore to act as Principal Civil Medical Officer during the absence on leave of the Hon. Dr. J. B. Addison.

Mr. D. Davies to be Secretary to the Sanitary Board and Mr. J. Watson to be Assistant Secretary to the Sanitary Board.

Mr. M. J.'Brien to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions, vice Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher.

Lieut.-Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., to be Deputy Harbour Master.

Mr. E. L. Agassiz to be Registrar of Trade Marks and Letters Patent.

THE NEW YEAR.

HOW HONGKONG SAW IT IN.

Hongkong saw the New Year in to the accompaniment of much jollity, for in addition to numerous private parties there were carnival dances at the Hongkong Hotel, the Repulse Bay Hotel and Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, as well as special dinner dances at the Hotel Savoy, the King Edward Hotel and the Kowloon Hotel, all of which there were large crowds present. Many striking fancy costumes were seen. As the hour of midnight struck, the guests at these dances joined hands and brought in the New Year in time-honoured manner.

In the city and other parts of the Colony, there was much firing of crackers, whilst steamers in port sounded their sirens and rang their bells.

New Year's Day was, of course, a public holiday, and amongst the functions held were the customary children's sports at the K. C. C. ground, the annual lawn bowls match on the Kowloon Bowling Green Club's ground between teams representative of Scotland and England, and the usual Christmas tree and sports at the Police Recreation Club.

The football match, between the Chinese Athletic and South China teams also drew a huge crowd of spectators.

Large numbers of golfers went out to Fanling, whilst many residents took advantage of the beautiful weather to arrange picnics in the country.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

SIR SAMUEL HOARE'S COMPLIMENTS.

Rugby, Jan. 2.—Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare aboard an air liner arrived yesterday in Palestine.

Sir Samuel Hoare sent the following telegram to Sir Eric Gedes, Chairman of the Imperial Airways:—"Having completed half of our journey, Lady Maud and I wish to congratulate the Company, upon the comfort and regularity that we have enjoyed. We cannot speak too highly of the pilots, Messrs. Barnard and Johnstone, and also the mechanic.—*British Wireless*.

ALPINE DISASTER.

PARTY OF SKI-RUNNERS OVERWHELMED.

Berne, Jan. 2.—Eight were killed out of a party of ten ski-runners, which was overwhelmed by an avalanche in the Arlberg district of the Austrian Alps.

The party comprised five Englishmen and two Englishwomen, two Germans, and a ski-instructor.

One Englishwoman and one German were rescued.—*Reuter's American Service*.

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NEW YEAR IN NEW YORK.

WILD CELEBRATION SCENES.

New York, Jan. 1.

Despite the rain and widely advertised reports of poison in alcohol, New York hailed the new year with all the traditional revelry. It was stated that Prohibition Agents were ordered not to disturb cabarets and night clubs last night and they, and all the theatres and restaurants were packed.

Prices advanced anything from 100 to 1,000 per cent. One night club was charging \$40 per cover excluding food and drink. Several theatres had midnight performances to most enthusiastic audiences. Churches were thronged, but all the other demonstrations were overshadowed by the noisy celebrations on Broadway which were like a hall of noise and a cyclone of movement.

AT WHITE HOUSE.

To mark the passing of the Old Year at Washington, Mrs. Coolidge enlisted the aid of five Marines, a bugler and four trombonists, who were stationed on the roof of White House at the foot of the flagstaff with a spot light directed on them, and the flag flying overhead. The bugler at midnight sounded the "Reveille," after which the trombonists played Beethoven's "Creation." One Englishwoman and one German were rescued.—*Reuter's American Service*.

HAIR AND IDIOTY.

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

At the first Malcolm Morris Memorial lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine, delivered by Professor H. J. Fleure, of the University of Wales, Sir James Crichton-Browne, who presided, mentioned an interesting conjoint investigation undertaken by him and Sir Malcolm Morris a number of years ago.

Accepting the then approved doctrine that the cerebro-spinal nervous system and the skin are both developed from the outer layer of the embryo, it occurred to them that any arrest of development in one might be accompanied by an arrest of development in the other. So they decided to inquire into skin conditions in the mentally defective.

They examined 554 congenital idiots, and found in them characteristic changes in the skin, hair, and nails. The departures from the normal were of various kinds, including external thinness and fineness of the skin, roughness, or skin-diseases, as it is called, and special skin-diseases.

In looking over his notes Sir James had found reported in a remarkable number of cases a growth of fine downy hair, beginning at the nape of the neck, and running down the back, between the scapulae, something in the nature of a mane.

Owing to the fusing of electric wires, an outbreak of fire occurred in the kiln house at the China Sugar Refinery at Causeway Bay at 9.45 last night. It was extinguished before any serious damage was caused. The Fire Brigade was called.

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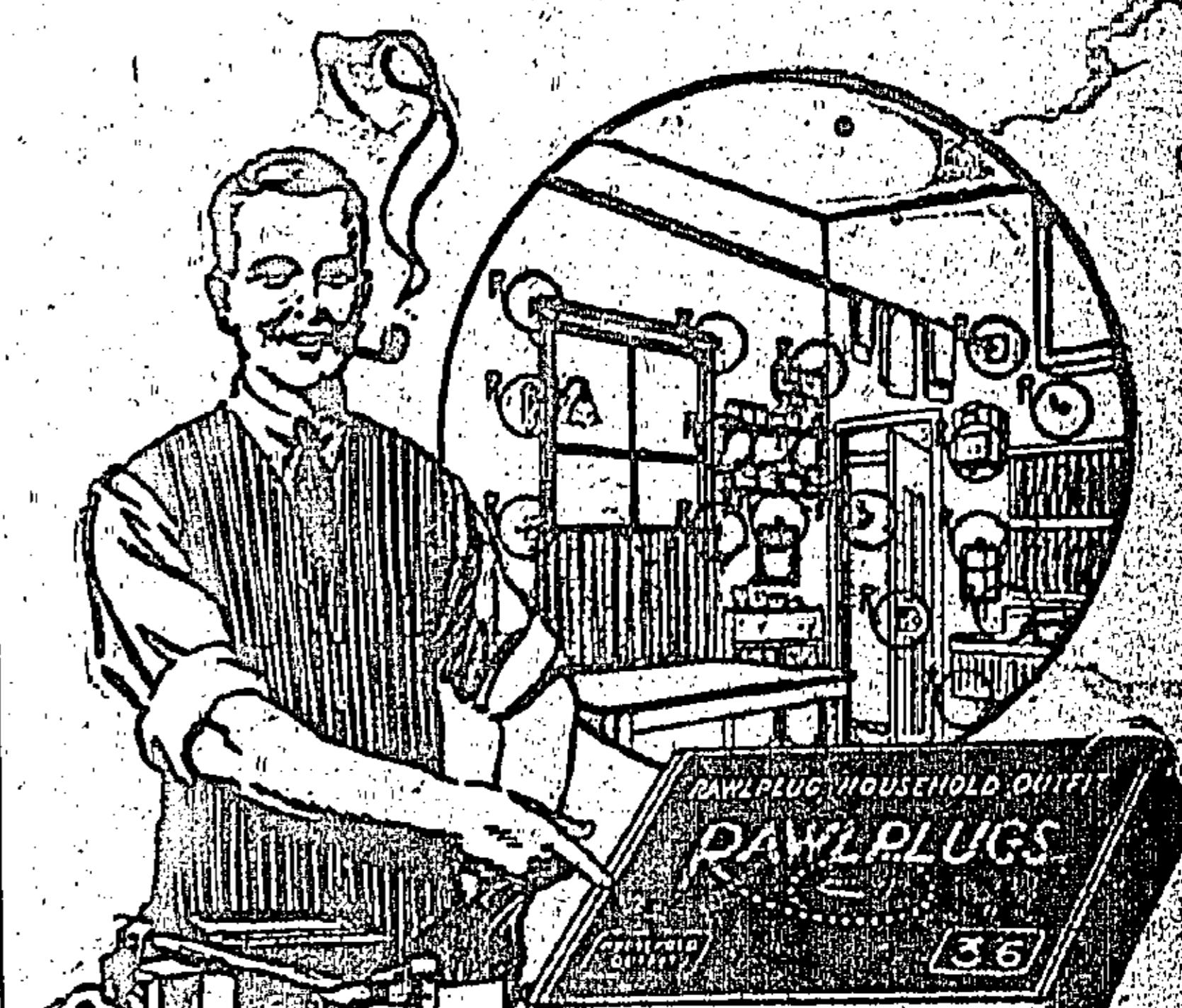
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K. C. C. SPORTS.

CHILDREN'S DAY A BIG SUCCESS.

The twenty-fifth annual children's sports promoted by the Kowloon Cricket Club were held on the Club's ground on Saturday, when large numbers of children attended and were given an extremely jolly time. These annual sports are a popular feature with Kowloon children, who eagerly look forward to them as a means of celebrating the New Year. Saturday's events were carried out without a hitch, and this reflects great credit on the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. P. Robinson, who was in charge of the arrangements for the first time during his twenty-five years' membership with the Club. Credit is also due to his many willing helpers. During the afternoon selections were played by the 5th Battalion of the 2nd. Punjab Regiment and were much appreciated.

The officials, who spared no efforts to amuse the children, were as follow:

THE OFFICIALS.

Judges—Mr. W. Goldenberg, Capt. C. T. Wallington, the Rev. G. R. Lindsay, Mr. S. E. Green, the Rev. W. W. Rogers, Messrs. E. Abraham, F. W. Ramsay, K. E. Lindsell, P. Tester and C. J. Taechi.

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Clerks of the Course—Capt. F. G. Bowes, Messrs. F. C. Goodwin, W. Hyde, R. Abraham, C. H. Atkins, J. A. Howe, D. S. Green, S. Jek, and N. H. Ross.

Decoration—Messrs. F. Hamblin, F. Jenner, A. V. Smith, J. Hyde, A. C. Kern, T. E. Jones, and H. Gittins.

Entertainment—Mrs. E. Abraham, Mrs. J. C. Loyal, Mrs. D. J. Harvey, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. W. J. Edwards, Mrs. J. A. Howe, Mrs. G. V. Hughes, Miss M. E. Woolley, Miss E. Hughes, Mrs. R. F. Forbes, Mr. G. V. Hughes, Capt. R. E. Walker, Mrs. V. C. Lubrum, Mrs. O. H. Leddra, Mrs. J. Fraser, Mrs. J. M. Jack, Mrs. E. Walker, Mrs. C. H. Atkins, Miss W. Robinson, Miss P. Wallington, Mr. W. W. Hirat, Mr. C. J. Roe, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, Mrs. W. W. Hirat, Mrs. R. E. Lindsell, Mrs. R. F. Forbes, Mrs. L. E. Lammert, Mrs. F. Goodwin, Mrs. F. E. Lawrence, Macfarlane 3.

Miss E. Hirat, Miss F. Wallington, Mr. F. G. Horridge, Mr. A. Mackenreith, and Capt. G. H. Penncather.

Bran Tub—Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Miss M. White, Miss P. Whitley, Mrs. E. W. White, Mrs. S. E. Green, Mr. H. Overly, Mrs. S. Spinholme, and Miss S. Whitley.

Side Shows—Messrs. V. C. Lubrum, L. Jack, J. M. Jack, F. E. Lawrence, A. W. Brown, J. Smith, J. Fraser, and W. Buckberrough.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

Prizes were distributed to the winning competitors by Mrs. Lindsell, who was introduced by Mr. Ezra Abraham, Vice-President.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell (President) repaid on behalf of Mrs. Lindsell, and expressed appreciation of the honour done to Mrs. Lindsell in asking her to give out the prizes.

Speaking with regard to the sports he said this year, owing to hard times, they feared they would have to cut the entertainment down, but owing to generous subscriptions, especially one of \$200 from Mr. J. H. Taggart, they had been able to carry on as usual. He thanked those who had given their services, and added he hoped the children had had a really happy afternoon and would come again next year.

Miss Loyal, daughter of the cricket captain of the Club, presented Mrs. Lindsell with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The prize winners were as follows:

BOYS' EVENTS.

Potato Race (ages 10 to 12)—Arthur Smith 1; Cecil Jennings 2; Gerald Abraham 3.

Boot Race (under 12)—Alec Macfarlane 1; George Lee 2; Geoffrey Skelton 3.

Obstacle Race (10 to 13 years)—Leslie Marshall 1; James Smith 2; Winston Geldart 3.

Relay Race, teams of four (ages 10 to 14)—John McCubbin, George Lee, David Geldart, Sydney Christie.

Flat Race (ages 6 to 9)—Jack Linaker 1; Kenny Carroll 2; Edward Frith 3.

Sack Race (ages 8 to 14)—Sydney Christie 1; Ben Skelton 2; William Coysh 3.

Tug of War (ages 10 to 14)—Winning team of eight—Oswald Butler, Alec Macfarlane, Winston Geldart, David Geldart, Charles Spradbery, Arthur Smith, Alastair Holland, Stanley Macnider.

Flat Race (ages 4 to 7)—Kenny Carroll 1; Edward Frith 2; Willie

Three-Legged Race (ages 10 to 14)—Stanley Macnider and George White 1; Robbie Wooley and John McCubbin 2; Ian Stirling and Leslie Marshall 3.

Flat Race (ages 8 to 10)—Robert Stout 1; Billy Parker 2; Gerald Abramson 3.

Flat Race (ages 4 and under)—Billy Pride 1; Dick Lubrum 2; Francis Lay 3.

Wheelbarrow Race (ages 9 to 14)—Ian Stirling and Jack MacAlain 1; Francis Zimmerman and George White 2; Arthur Chester and Theodore Ingram 3.

Consolation Race (ages up to 14—non-prize winners)—Desmond Royance 1; Mark Sayer 2; George Royance 3.

Band Race—Zammar Khan 1; Sachan Singh 2; Beant Singh 3.

GIRLS' EVENTS.

Skipping Race (ages 14 and under)—Phyllis Gittins 1; Peggy McCarr 2; Daphne Hamblin 3.

Flat Race (ages 6 to 9)—Marie Clarke 1; Peggy McCarr 2; Ruth Ingram 3.

Skipping Competition (ages under 10)—Isa Lammet 1; Nan Docherty 2; Michael McCarr 3.

Flat Race (under 8 years)—Doris Ethel Banker 1; Bessie MacAinsh 2; Douglas Taylor 3.

Girls' Race (7 to 14 years)—Mavis Glendinning, 2 Doris Hunt, 3 Flossie Wilshire.

Skipping Competition (ages 10 to 14)—Marion Bryson 1; Barbara Walker 2; Lily Dunn 3.

Flat Race (ages 14 and under)—Jane Broadbridge 1; Joan Jennings, 2 Michael McCarr 3.

Girls' Race (under 7)—1 Leslie Reynolds, 2 Norman Clarke, 3 Charles Evans.

Musical Chairs (ages 8 to 14)—Ethel Banker 1; Bessie MacAinsh 2; Iris Frith 3.

Egg and Spoon Race (ages 14 and under)—Dorothy Raven 1; Winifred Raven 2; Peggy Hargrave 3.

Flat Race (ages 6 to 14)—Marie Clarke 1; Ruth Ingram 2; Violet Broadbridge 3.

Obstacle Race (10 to 13 years)—Dorothy Moore 3.

Relay Race (teams of four—ages 9 to 14)—Joan Langley, Winifred Raven, Ethel Banker and Peggy Everest.

Consolation Race (age up to 14, non-prize winners)—Betty Pestonji 1; Nellie Docherty 2; Maisie Tiller 3.

Ladies Egg and Spoon Race—1 Mrs. B. Taylor, 2 Mrs. E. Wilshire, 100 yards (under 40)—1 W. Clarke, 2 A. Reynolds, 3 S. Carey.

Ladies Thread-and-Needle Race—1 Mrs. Horne and Mr. Clarke, 2 Mrs. Evans and Mr. Carey.

100 yards (over 40)—1 The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, 2 Mr. McLeod, 3 Mr. Horne.

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POLICE CLUB PARTY.

A MERRY TIME AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The wish that the younger members of the Force would come forward and contribute more was expressed by the Captain-Superintendent of Police, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, at the annual Christmas party of the Police Recreation Club which was held at the Club's house at Happy Valley on Saturday. As usual, the party was a great success, both young and old having a merry time.

Mrs. Wolfe was presented with a pretty bouquet, and speaking on her behalf, Mr. Wolfe said it was apparent that the senior members of the Force were to the fore, and he hoped that on future occasions the younger members would come forward.

RACE WINNERS.

The race results were as follows:

Boys' Race (7 to 14 years)—1 Norman Reynolds, 2 Gordon Marks, 3 Douglas Taylor.

Girls' Race (7 to 14 years)—1 Mavis Glendinning, 2 Doris Hunt, 3 Flossie Wilshire.

Boys' Race (under 7)—1 Leslie Reynolds, 2 Norman Clarke, 3 Charles Evans.

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Music Chair (ages 8 to 14)—1 Betty Evans, 2 Paula Hollands, 3 Pearl Buchanan.

Ladies Egg and Spoon Race—1 Dorothy Raven, 2 Winifred Raven, 3 Peggy Hargrave.

Flat Race (ages 6 to 9)—1 Marie Clarke, 2 Ruth Ingram, 3 Violet Broadbridge.

Obstacle Race (10 to 13 years)—1 Dorothy Moore, 2 Dorothy Raven, 3 Dorothy Marshall.

Relay Race (teams of four—ages 9 to 14)—1 Joan Langley, 2 Winifred Raven, 3 Dorothy Raven, 4 Peggy Everest.

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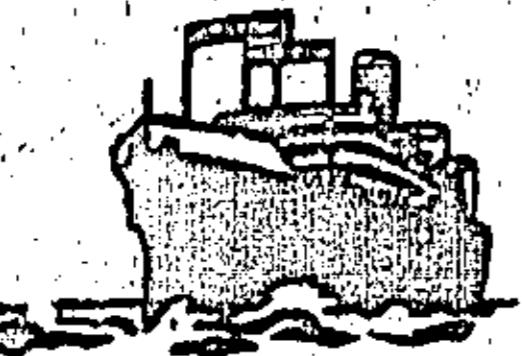
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SUNNING PIRACY CASE DEVELOPMENT.

Five defendants in the Sunning piracy case were discharged by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy on Friday. Another defendant will be discharged to-day, leaving eleven men still facing the charges.

BAIL GRANTED.

At the conclusion of the afternoon hearing Mr. Lo renewed his application for bail on behalf of the sixth defendant, the Aberdeen man. Mr. Lo said the man's business involved the making of grain-vessels and was suffering on account of his continued absence.

He was anxious that he should be available to face the charge and also be free to look after some of his business. Mr. Lo added that any number of Chinese detectives could watch the man while he was out on bail.

Mr. Holmes said he had no serious objection to make and Mr. Lindsell granted bail of \$5,000 cash and \$10,000 securities.

Mr. Lo: Can the bail be made any less?

Mr. Lindsell: I don't think the bail is exorbitant in the circumstances.

The remaining defendants were remanded until Tuesday morning.

THE MIXED COURT.

CHINESE JURISDICTION TO OPERATE.

Shanghai, Dec. 31. It is officially announced that the arrangements completed between the Chinese and foreign authorities for the rendition of the Mixed Court will be effective as from to-morrow.

Similar action, having due regard to the difference in status between the two courts, will be taken in respect of the French Mixed Court as from January 5.

It is understood that the seal of the Mixed Court will be handed over to-morrow morning when the Shanghai Provisional Chinese Court formally replaces the Mixed Court. —Reuter.

CHINA TELEGRAPHS.

CASH PAYMENTS TO BE MADE.

Shanghai, Dec. 31. Referring to the statement issued on the 29th December, the three foreign cable companies inform Reuter that arrangements have to-day been made whereby telegrams handed over by the Chinese administration to the companies for the present will be paid for in cash and telegrams withheld from five on the evening of the 29th are now being handed over by the companies for their destinations. —Reuter.

BRITAIN'S REVENUE.

£20,000,000 LESS IN NINE MONTHS.

London, Dec. 31. The Treasury's revenue returns of the United Kingdom for the nine months to December 31, show revenue at £475,020,553, compared with £499,678,926 during the corresponding period of 1925, indicating a decrease of £20,658,363.

The total expenditure chargeable against this revenue was £625,450,609, showing a deficit of £146,450,046 when set against revenue. —Reuter.

COUNTESS DIES IN ATTIC.

BEAUTY WHO CHARMED TWO CAPITALS.

The Countess Rose zu Sternau und Hohenau, who was known as the Hungarian Pompadour, and who 20 years ago had couriers, politicians, and financiers at her feet, has died in great poverty.

She was the daughter of a small tradesman in a Hungarian town and became a shopgirl in Budapest, where her beauty attracted the notice of a rich financier, who provided generously for her. She was, however, lured away from her lover by a Hungarian policeman who had himself fallen in love with her, and she was soon immersed in a sea of political intrigue.

Her beauty, charm of manner, and wit fitted her to be a political agent, and in that role she appeared in Vienna. There she had great success. Her hats, with flourishing ostrich feathers, became the talk of the town. She was always seen at the races and she gave herself the luxury of a racing stable, choosing rose and white as her racing colours.

ACCUSED AS A SPY.

Marriage with the impoverished Baron Schonberge gave her a title and regularized her position. Her brilliant career was brought to an end by the publication of an article, under the title "I Accuse," by a Budapest newspaper in 1906, which declared that two Ministers had sent her to Vienna to intrigue against Colonel Stephen Plaza, the former Premier.

The position of the baroness became as impossible in Budapest as it was in Vienna, where she was said to be acting as a spy for the Hungarian Government.

She settled in Berlin and married Count Wenzel zu Sternau und Hohenau, who was more interested in theosophy than in money. He died some years ago, and in spite of plucky attempts to retain her position the countess fell on hard times.

She was a frequenter of Berlin gambling clubs, but few people knew that the elderly woman who eagerly watched the fall of the cards had once dazzled three capitals with her beauty. She died in an attic without a friend.

The examination was adjourned.

FOXES ON SHOW.

SILVER-COATED ANIMALS WORTH £300 A PAIR.

With 70 foxes beheaded and 70 pairs of foxy eyes casting slanting glances on a host of curious visitors, the first exhibition of silver foxes held in this country was opened at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, S.E., last month.

The exhibition is being held in conjunction with the Grand International Show of Poultry and Pigeons, and lasts until to-morrow evening. As foxes and birds are under one roof, the latter have been specially insured against any "escape" of their traditional enemies. There were 12,500 birds, valued at anything up to £100 apiece, to be protected.

The coats of these foxes were really beautiful and greatly admired by the women. An expert told a *Daily Mail* reporter that the highest price realised last year for a raw skin was £100. This means something about £200 for the made-up fur; but average price for a good raw skin is about 240.

SIX-YEARS-OLD INDUSTRY.
The silver fox farming industry is now firmly established in this country, particularly in Scotland. It is only six years since the first foxes were landed in Great Britain. They are a Canadian mammal, and the first commercial enterprise with them originated on Prince Edward Island.

In the boom years from 1907 to 1914 the best skins brought from £300 to £520 apiece, while a pair of live foxes averaged about £2,000, and a pair of proven breeders up to £5,000.

To-day proven breeders are very rarely sold, but a pair of first-year cubs costs from £200 to £300, and in some cases more.

27 IN A VAN.

The first silver foxes brought to this country went to a farm in Ross-shire in 1920, and most of the Crystal Palace exhibits are from Scotland.

One consignment alone numbered 27 in one van, and judging by descriptions of what the van smelt like they must have trafiled enough essence of "vulp" on their journey south to draw all the foxhounds in the Shires.

Interest in these foxes overshadowed that of the vast array of birds, although one pair of pugno pigeons have travelled 7,500 miles to the show from the Federated Malay States.

EARL'S DEBTS.

BANKRUPTCY COURT STORY OF SPECULATIONS.

A peer's speculations in cotton futures were referred to in the London Bankruptcy Court recently.

The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery attended for public examination on accounts showing total liabilities of £404,867 [of which £53,882 were "unsecured"] and assets estimated to produce £1,800.

Lord Pembroke said that in January 1920 he resigned from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant-colonel and a pension of about £260 a year.

Under the will of his father and certain deeds of grant and letters patent dating from about the year 1644 he had become entitled to the income of settled estates in Wiltshire and Ireland amounting annually to about £58,000.

The present gross income was £64,798, but establishment charges, premiums on life policies, jointure portions "and things of that sort," had to be paid before he received anything. There was a surplus income of £3,543 after he had executed certain charges of £200,000 losses.

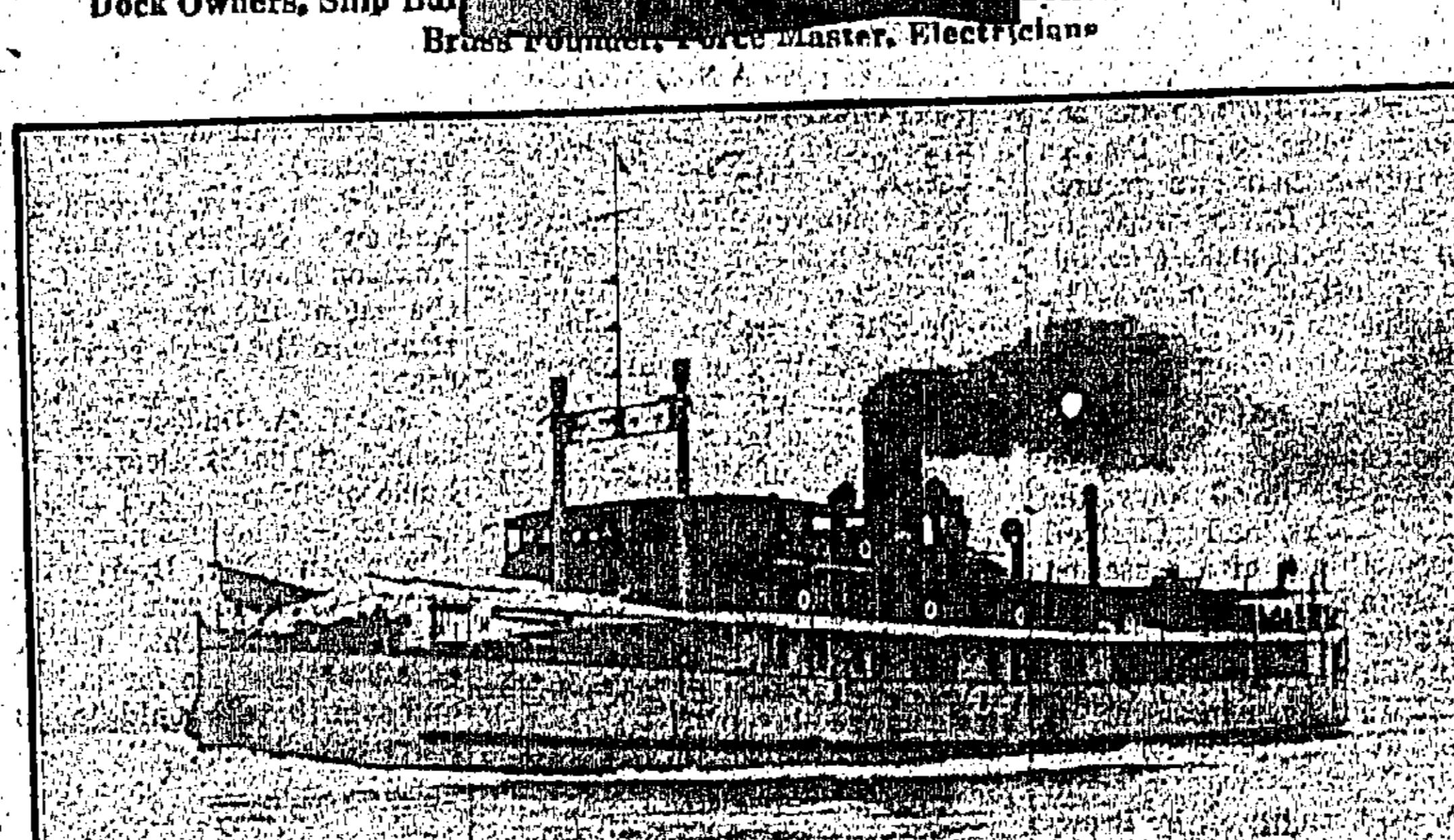
In 1919 he and a Mr. B. F. D. Fitzgibbon (who had since become bankrupt) began to speculate in cotton futures as partners. The deals resulted in a heavy loss and the partnership was dissolved in June 1921.

He had no knowledge of the cotton markets, and had left the management of the transactions entirely to Fitzgibbon, who had no means to contribute his share of the losses. The earl had to bear all, and he estimated that he lost altogether about £200,000.

In March 1924 he bought for £200,000 shares in a Canadian gold mining company, which had proved unsuccessful, and the shares were now of no value.

To finance these speculations and to pay arrears of super-tax for 1924 he borrowed £340,729 between 1919 and 1924 on the security of his life interest and assurance policies.

The examination was adjourned.



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ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thurs.
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MOREA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TILAWA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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LOCAL HONOURS.

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Figured prominently in the social life of the Colony, having been intimately associated with the Helena May Institute ever since its establishment, whilst she has also done much good work in connection with the Benevolent Society, the Ministering Children's League and Church work. To her as well as Sir Joseph Kemp we extend hearty congratulations.

MR. KOTEWALL'S CAREER.

For many years past, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, who has now been honoured as a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, has been prominently associated with the public life of the Colony, having served with distinction on the Legislative Council since October 4th, 1923. He was educated at Queen's College and the Diocesan Boys' School, and in 1896 he entered Government service after winning first place in a competitive examination. Amongst the posts which he held were those of chief clerk in the Colonial Secretary's office and First Clerk in the Magistracy. He resigned in 1918 and then went into business under the name of Messrs. R. H. Kotewall and Co. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1918 and for many years he has served the Chinese community in innumerable directions, being a member of the Tung Wah Hospital Advisory Board, the Po Leung Kuk Board of Permanent Directors, the District Watchmen Committee, the Chinese Public Dispensaries Committee and the Court and Council of the Hong Kong University. He is also a University honorary examiner in Chinese, past President of University Football Club, and a Patron of the Roving Troop of Boy Scouts.

Despite his business calls, Mr. Kotewall has taken the keenest interest in all matters pertaining to the well-being of the Chinese community, particularly in vernacular education, and is the author of two books as well as two Chinese plays, one of which was performed before H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his visit to the Colony. He was made an Honorary LL.D. of Hong Kong University in January of last year. During the strike and boycott, Mr. Kotewall rendered much assistance to the Government in various ways, and his valued advice has always been available to the authorities. His honour has been well earned, and we join with his numerous friends and well-wishers in complimenting him on the recognition of His Majesty's favour which he has now secured.

HONOURS. LIST.

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Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Saint Michael and Saint George.—Viscount Burnham, proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph* and President of the Empire Press Union; and Sir Lawrence Nunn Guillemard, Governor of the Straits Settlements.

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Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.—The Earl of Cromer.

Knights Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.—The Earl of Denbigh; Sir Arthur Cope, Royal Academician; Brigadier General Gascoigne; Captain Ernest Towsley, blind holder of the Victoria Cross, who is Chairman of the National Institute for the Blind.

Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.—The Dowager Countess of Jersey.

The Reverend Hugh Sheppard, who recently retired from the vicariate of St. Martins-in-Fields, London, where he did great social service, is appointed a Member of the Order of Companions of Honour.—British Wireless.

P. & O. MEETING.

LORD INCHCAPE'S SPEECH.

LOSSES IN CHINA.

In the course of his speech at the eighty-sixth annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, on December 8th, Lord Inchcape, after reviewing the accounts, stated that they could insure their outstanding risks to-day for a much lesser sum than that standing to the credit of the insurance fund. The Board had under consideration the question of treating this fund as a reserve.

A year hence he might have more to say on the subject. For supplies, maintenance and repairs they were paying 75 per cent. more than before the war. The bills were staggering, and unless prices came down passage rates, much to his regret, would have to go up.

MISSIONARIES BLAMED.

Many of their voyages had been disastrously short of cargo, and conditions in China had resulted in serious loss of traffic. He believed that the antagonism to the British in China was largely due to our sending missionaries to that country. Missionary efforts among uncivilised peoples were doubtless fully justified, but China's ancient faith was as sacred to Chinese as Christianity to ourselves.

Their passenger traffic continued to expand in a remarkable degree. They got an occasional gow, but he welcomed the suggestions for an improvement. Recently he had received a vehement and amusing expostulation against mixed bathing in steamers.

A statement in their accounts showed that the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company if broken up to-morrow would be able to discharge all its obligations and give

NEW C. M. G.



The Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, who has received the C.M.G. decoration in the New Year's honours list.

the deferred stockholders more than to-day's market value of their holdings, but the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company was a national institution, and would grow in the conviction that good times would come again.

STRIKE LOSSES.

The general strike had involved the Company in serious loss.

The coal strike had cost the Company over £200,000. Coal prices had risen and inferior quality of foreign coal had greatly increased the consumption. Nine of their steamers were oil-burners and they proposed to convert the "Narkunda" and the "Naldern" to burn oil. While the liners had suffered, the tramp steamers had benefited by carrying coal to New Castle. Forty-nine tramp steamers owned by the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company were under these unnatural conditions and foremost paving the way.

TRADE UNION ANOMALIES.

The men, women and children affected by the coal strike had suffered much hardship through Mr. Cook, whose disregard for economic laws had damaged the trade of the country which would take months if not years to recover.

The extremists had done as much material damage as could have been wrought by an enemy invader.

It was his Lordship's contention, high time that the trade unionists should be protected against the tyranny with which their movement was infested. He promised that the Government measure should be welcomed by the unionists and non-unionists alike.

There should be an end to picket

ing. Trade union benefit funds should be separately and independently audited, and members should be exempt from the political levy, unless they contracted for it. A secret ballot of each union should be instituted and not less than a three-fifths vote ought to be effective, either to call or to continue a strike.

He was glad at Mr. Baldwin's decision to withdraw the proposal of a compulsory tribunal which would have caused further coal trouble.

During the year under review the shipping industry itself had been run free of strikes. J. Havelock Wilson's campaign in favour of industrial peace and conciliation if it was expanded might prove the country's economic salvation.

CRITICISM OF FAST LINER SCHEME.

A few hairbrained and misguided beings were out to destroy the fabric of society and they would fall in the homeland. With a population of 40,000,000 everyone was free under the Crown to rise to any position. Not a fraction of the people were disloyal to the Throne.

It was prophesied that the P. and O. Steam Navigation Company would be badly hit by aeroplanes and airships.

He believed that even if the Imperial Airways became a commercial proposition the P. and O. Company would hold its own. Regarding the proposal to form a company with a capital of eleven millions to run 22 knot ships to India, Ceylon and Australia he considered that the promoter had better put his money into war loan which would give him £650,000 yearly.

His shareholders would never get as much out of the proposed venture, as the Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Company with 400 ships and a capital of less than seven millions found it difficult to provide half a million yearly to pay its dividend.

If the P. and O. Steam Navigation had seen its way to cover expenses they would have gone in for a 22 knot service long ago.

THE DE LUXE TRAINS.

Recently the Board had arranged with the Great Indian Peninsula and East Indian Railway Companies to construct two de luxe trains to run each way between Bombay and Calcutta in conjunction with the P. and O. Steamers.

They had had 483 steamers in commission during the year. These ships had traversed 17 million miles on the ocean, made 33,000 port entries, carried 16 million tons of cargo, 360,000 animals and over 2½ million passengers. The average daily number in the ships of the company was 40,000 and their daily expenditure on wages and victualling of the crews was £15,000.

It was difficult to estimate the number of outside men to whom also these ships gave employment.

Three hundred thousand sterling was invested in the Company's profit-sharing scheme during the year on which an interest of 7½ per cent. had been charged in the accounts. The scheme provided a simple way of interesting employees in the success of the Company.

He would conclude with a personal word. Thinking of the numerous organisations which it fell to his lot to direct and the leisure and recreation he managed to secure he realised how much he was indebted to his capable, upright, loyal and affectionate coadjutors.

Whether at home or abroad he was kept informed almost from hour to hour of all that took place. As Nelson said of his captains at the battle of the Nile he and his coadjutors worked together as a band of brothers.

To all associated with him at home and abroad he expressed his grateful thanks. Before many years he supposed he would have to give up work which he dearly loved. His one ambition was when that time came to leave every business of which he was the responsible head, including the old P. and O. Company in a sound financial condition.

The appointment is officially announced of Major Charles William James Orr, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary of Gibraltar, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas in succession to Major Sir H. Cordeau, K.C.M.G., C.B., whose term of office will shortly expire.

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For	Per	Date
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haifeng	Tues, Jan. 4, Noon.
Straits	Indus Maru	Tues, Jan. 4, 1.30 p.m.
Europe via Marseilles	Amazona	Registration 1.45 p.m.

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Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L. Marques and Bombay	Parcels	Thurs, Jan. 6, 5 p.m.
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